

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 5262**

LCO No. 2693

**AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL REGISTRATION MARKER PLATES
FOR VETERANS WHO SERVED IN PERIODS OF WAR.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2021*) (a) [The Commissioner of
2 Motor Vehicles, at] (1) At the request of any (A) veteran or member of
3 the armed forces, [as defined in section 27-103 of the general statutes,]
4 who received a combat service ribbon, or (B) member of the Hmong
5 Laotian special guerilla units, which units served in the United States
6 secret war in the Kingdom of Laos during the Vietnam War, the
7 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall issue [, without charge,] special
8 registration marker plates to indicate service during a period of war, as
9 defined in 38 USC 101, as amended from time to time. Such plates shall
10 bear the words "(Name of War) Veteran" and shall bear the colors of the
11 [flag of the country where such war was engaged] combat service ribbon
12 received by such veteran or member of the armed forces at the top of the
13 registration marker plates. The plates shall expire and be renewed as
14 provided in section 14-22 of the general statutes. The commissioner shall
15 charge a fee for such plates, which fee shall cover the entire cost of
16 making such plates and shall be in addition to the fee for registration of
17 such motor vehicle. No use shall be made of such plates except as official
18 registration marker plates.

19 (2) As used in this subsection, "member of the armed forces" had the
20 same meaning as provided in section 27-103 of the general statutes and
21 "veteran" means any person (A) honorably discharged from, or released

22 under honorable conditions from active service in, the armed forces, or
23 (B) with a qualifying condition, as defined in section 2-103 of the general
24 statutes, who has received a discharge other than bad conduct or
25 dishonorable from active service in the armed forces.

26 (b) The request of any veteran, member of the armed forces or Hmong
27 Laotian special guerilla unit member shall be accompanied by proof
28 from the [United States] Department of Veterans Affairs that such
29 person served in the armed forces or Hmong Laotian special guerilla
30 units during such period of war.

31 (c) The surviving spouse of a veteran issued such special registration
32 marker plates may retain any such plates for his or her lifetime or until
33 such time as he or she remarries.

34 (d) Any such member of the armed forces who is dishonorably
35 discharged shall return such plates to the commissioner not later than
36 thirty days after such discharge. The commissioner shall not renew such
37 plates for any motor vehicle owned or leased by any such member of
38 the armed forces who id dishonorably discharged.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2021	New section